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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 4277  
Inventor: Masao OCHI et al.  
Title: Filtration Apparatus

Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:  
a) 11 pages of specification; 6 claims, 1 independent;  
14 Figs. (Figs. 1 to 4, 5A, 5B, 6 to 10, 11A, 11B, 12) on 10  
sheet of formal drawings;  
an abstract;  
1 return receipt postcard;  
b) Declaration, Power of Attorney;  
c) Form PTO-2038 (\$780.00) to cover the filing fee **and** the fee  
for Assignment Recordal. Any deficiency or additional fee  
properly due may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0507;  
d) an Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet and one copy of the  
Assignment for Recordal; and  
e) an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449,  
4 references.

- 2) This application has been assigned to:

Assignee: KURABO INDUSTRIES LTD.  
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The Assignment is being submitted herewith for Recordal.

- 3) The Priority of earlier applications:  
No. 2000-368667, filed on December 4, 2000 in Japan; and  
No. 2001-331192, filed on October 29, 2001 in Japan  
are hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please  
acknowledge the priority claim.
- 4) The Priority Documents will follow.
- 5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:  
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Very truly yours,

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